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Star Gazing at Alice Springs Desert Park

Territorians will have a chance to study the spectacular centralian skies when the Alice Springs Desert Park, 783 ABC Alice Springs and the Alice Springs Astronomy Club present 'A Night with the Stars' at the Desert Park next Thursday, 24 September 2009.

Alice Springs Desert Park Director Gary Fry said the free event is open to young and old alike who are keen to explore the galaxies above.

"Visitors will be able to see the stars, hear about what they can see and learn about the science behind the stars in the centralian night sky," Mr Fry said.

"Andrew Fitzgerald, the ABC Star Man, will conduct a guided tour of the galaxy while facilitating viewings of the stars through telescopes.

"Another highlight of the evening will be a series of family friendly Astronomy films from the CSIRO's Scinema to be screened in the Park's onsite cinema."

Mr Fry said the Alice Springs Desert Park boasts a spectacular setting and facilities for hosting events such as this.

"Sitting amongst central Australia's magnificent flora and fauna with the stunning West MacDonnell ranges as a backdrop and the moon and starry sky above makes for wonderful experience," Mr Fry said.

"The Desert Park strives to provide interesting and entertaining evenings for locals and visitors to enjoy that provides a unique alternative and this event is no exception."

'A Night with the Stars' will run from 6.30pm – 9pm in the Desert Park's courtyard, with food and drink available through the Coolamon café at the Desert Park from 6pm.

Entry is free.

For more information visit www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au or phone 8951 8788.

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